



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 24

### 28 February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

What a great half term, it seems so long ago now but it has been lovely hearing all the half term stories across the school. The birthday's, the adventures, the food!

We have lots planned for this term so please keep an eye on emails and Newsletters for any updates.

Ramadan starts imminently and we just wanted to gentle remind all children that we have a prayer space in the library for those that wish to use it.

Thank you to all the parents in Year 5 that have signed up for the residential. We are always excited to take the children away on residential and this Year 6's had a blast, hopefully this has encouraged the Year 5's to want to experience all that fun as well.

Attached to this email will also be the PE Newsletter for the Spring Term of all the amazing sports the children have been doing, the results and teams. Well done to every child, they have all come on so much over the academic year and the love of sports is certainly growing at AVA.

A reminder that swimming starts on Monday for Falcons class please make sure you bring all your swimming kit after the weekend.

#### Comic Relief – Red Nose Day – Friday 21 March



Comic Relief is fast approaching (Friday 21st March), and the School Parliament have recently met to think of how AVA Primary will celebrate this important charitable event.

First, all the children and staff in the school will be invited to wear as many different colours as possible, so for example you might wear odd socks, different coloured trainers, a blue top, bright red trousers and a bright orange hat!

The KS1 children will also participate in a clown colouring competition, whilst the KS2 pupils will attempt to design their very own clown. The children will follow this up with a written piece of work to describe their clown or tell a story in which they appear.

Furthermore, volunteers in each class will be invited to act as a clown, perhaps by telling jokes, juggling or doing silly walks. Last but not least, there will be prizes throughout the day.



All we ask, is for a small donation to the AVA Just Giving page for Comic Relief, this goes directly to the charity - [Just Giving Page - Red Nose Day 2025](#)

### WHOLE ACADEMY: CROSS PHASE PTA

We have re-launched our Cross Phase PTA and I am pleased to say that the following parents have agreed to take on posts on our committee:

- Co-Chair – Sarah Burgess and Sarah Allen
- Co-Vice Chair – Despina Sing and Amanda Terrell
- Co-Treasurer – Laura Girdler
- Co-Secretary – Andrei and Ellen Ungless
- Co-Marketing – Zoe Clark and Alanna Bushay

They are behind the school and are full of ideas to help raise funds for:

- Indoor Table Tennis tables for secondary students
- Support with end of summer term 'Inflatables' reward event
- Secondary and primary Proms
- Soft play equipment for the Primary/Secondary sensory room
- Subsidy for primary trips and residential trips
- First aid training for all school leavers, primary and secondary

It is early days, but they will start to organise ways to raise funds through film nights, primary discos, AVA'bury Festival, selling ice pops and much more!

### West End in Schools

Following on from the email this week we are pleased to still be able to offer the experience to the children who have made a payment, West End in Schools have been very accommodating and reduced the days to ensure children can attend.

All other children will be in classrooms doing activities related to Red Riding Hood for World Book Day.

### World Book Day

To end our World Book Day celebrations, we are inviting children to dress up on Friday 7th March 2025. Our theme for this week is '*Little Red Riding Hood*' and we would love to see lots of costumes based on this traditional tale.

However, we welcome any World Book Day themed outfit. If your child does not want to dress up, they can wear their own clothes.

### Upcoming Author Visit – Reception and Year 1

We are delighted to be welcoming Mevan Babakar into school to talk to our Reception and Year 1 children on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025!



Mevan will be coming to talk about her life as a child refugee and the story of *The Bicycle*; a story of how a simple act of kindness changed a little girl's life. Based on Mevan Babakar's own childhood, this is a moving reminder of how powerful just one act of kindness can be.

If you want to purchase a book, follow the link below to buy it from **Our Bookshop** -the wonderful bookshop in Tring that organises these brilliant visits!

Mevan will sign every book that is bought.

Books need to be purchased by the end of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/the-bicycle-by-patricia-mccormick-and-mevan-babakar/>

## Aylesbury United FC Community Day

Aylesbury United FC will be hosting our annual Community Day on **Saturday 22nd March 2025** when The Ducks play Kidlington FC in our Southern League fixture (3pm kick off). There will be some **family fun and child-friendly activities within** the ground from 1.30pm and at half time, as well as the football match itself. It will be **free entry for all those who complete the registration form** (linked below).

**The venue is The Meadow, Amy Lane, Chesham, HP5 1NE**, which is where Aylesbury United FC currently play their home games, as we have been homeless and playing out of town for the last 19 years. Please find below a link where more details about the Community Day can be found including how to register for free entry. **Registration will close at midnight on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

<https://aylesbury.football/events/register-now-for-free-entry-to-the-2025-aylesbury-united-community-day>

## Reflection

Next week on March 8th people around the world will celebrate International Women's Day. This day is an annual celebration of women's achievements across the globe, and an opportunity to highlight work that still needs to be done to support women.

As we end the week we invite our AVA community to join us in a prayer for women everywhere...

*On this International Women's Day,  
as we celebrate and give thanks for the achievements of women,  
we remember the women who have played a part in our lives.*

*Those who have  
nurtured us,  
taught us,  
inspired us,  
and loved us.*

*Forgive us when we have limited women  
through inequality,  
by stereotype,  
by exclusion,  
or through lack of opportunity.*

*On this International Women's Day,  
as we acknowledge the challenges women still face,  
we pray that all women may know equality  
of healthcare,  
of education,  
of wealth,  
and of prospects.*

*We pray that all women may know themselves to be respected, safe, included, and empowered.  
Amen.*

*Adapted from a prayer written by Rev. Rosie Frew*

Have a (hopefully) sunny weekend

Best wishes,  
**Mrs C Baughan**

## **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**

**SEND Support Phone Line - 01296 382135**

We are open every day between 10am and 4pm and until 6pm on Tuesdays. The line is for parents, professionals and anyone with enquiries about SEND in Buckinghamshire.



Please note that the support line is open between 10am and 2pm during school holidays and is closed on Bank Holidays.

### **Primary SEND concerns**

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9\\_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRTg1UIIUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRTg1UIIUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C)

### **Free School Meals**

Please find the link below: <https://www.theacademy.me/page/?title=SCHOOL+MEALS&pid=166>

We also have a dedicated FSM inbox - [freeschoolmeals@theacademy.me](mailto:freeschoolmeals@theacademy.me) - where parents can submit FSM forms if you prefer to complete the paper version instead of the online form.